



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

Insurance Services - Health Services Analysis - PO Box 44322, Olympia, WA 98504-4322

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To:

Pharmacists

Self-insurers

RE: Pharmacy Prescription Drug Pricing

As of September 26, 2009, the department will continue to pay pharmacies for the cost of prescription drugs using the formula Average Wholesale Price (AWP) less 10%.

The department currently receives its pricing information from First DataBank[®] (FDB). On September 26, 2009, FDB is modifying the formula it uses to determine AWP. The department will continue to use the AWP published by FDB to calculate prescription drug payment.

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact Tom Davis at 360-902-6687 or dato235@lni.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Tom Davis

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